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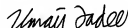
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THROUGHPUT QUANTIFICATION  
OF MRNA FROM WHOLE BLOOD  
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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on March 18, 2008. The claims have been corrected to correspond to the claim status identifiers provided in the December 17, 2007 response to the Office Action that was mailed on September 18, 2007. A listing of the corrected claims and a copy of the originally filed remarks have been enclosed herewith.

As noted in the original response, the Summary sheet indicated that the Office Action had been made final. However, the present Office Action is the first Office Action on the merits, and nothing in the text of the Office Action indicates any reason for making the application final. In a telephone conversation with the Examiner, the Examiner confirmed that the Office Action is non-final.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.